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NOVEMBER PROGRAMS OFFERED AT SAGUARO NATIONAL PARK

Saguaro National Park is offering special programs this fall that explore the park's wonderful natural and cultural history. Come along on a naturalist-led evening walk in the park, or join a local expert for a presentation in one of our visitor centers. *Programs are offered at both the east and west districts.* Interpretive programs are free, but park entrance fees apply. Program schedules are subject to change – call the visitor centers for schedule updates or for reservations.

Special Programs offered at the Tucson Mountain District (Saguaro West) include:

November 6 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. “10th Annual American Indian Heritage Cultural Fair”

Artisans from several Arizona Native Nations will display their craftworks, share American Indian dances, and give insights into Southwestern native cultures. *Program is wheelchair accessible.* ♿

Nov. 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27 2:15 p.m. “The CCC in Saguaro National Park” *Illustrated Talk*

The Civilian Conservation Corps was a Depression-era work program that had a great influence on parks throughout the Nation. Saguaro's trails, picnic areas, and scenic drives were established during this program. A brief history of the CCC in this area will be illustrated with old photo and movie clips. *Programs are wheelchair accessible.* ♿

November 27 & 28 1:15 p.m. “Don't Forget to Turn Off the Lights” *Illustrated Talk*

Birds crash into buildings; some animals stop mating. Stars disappear from view. Learn what the National Park Service is doing about light pollution – and how YOU can help flip the switch to save the night skies.

Programs are wheelchair accessible. ♿

November 17 4:00 p.m. “Twilight Glow to Moon Shadows Hike” *2½ Mile Hike*

This easy 3½-hour, 2½-mile stroll bridges sunset and darkness, letting hikers experience the desert both in the twilight glow and in moon shadows. Advanced reservations are required, and can be made by calling 733-5158.

November 18 3:15 p.m. “Sunset Hike” *3½ mile hike*

The Sunset Hike is a 3½ to 4 hour, 3½-mile round trip that climbs 700 feet to a beautiful ridgeline for the sunset. The descent is by the light of the moon. Reservations are required, and can be made by calling 733-5158.

November 19 4:00 p.m. “Moon Take Night Make Day Hike” *2½ Mile Hike*

Hikers on this gentle, relatively flat, 2½-mile, 3-hour hike travel up a desert wash during the transition from day to night, enjoy the sunset atop a hill, then return under the moonlight. Reservations are required – call 733-5158.

November 20 3:00 p.m. “Living With Urban Wildlife” *Illustrated Talk*

Learn about our resident wildlife, their habitat needs, and why they may be attracted to your yard. We'll also discuss ways to design and manage your personal property to benefit both you and wildlife, and tips on how to discourage wildlife that may become a nuisance or pose a risk to your family. *Program is wheelchair accessible.* ♿

November 21 5:45 p.m. “Moonrise Over the Mountains” *45 minute Patio Talk*

Relax around a campfire on the visitor center patio as the full moon rises above the cactus forest. Bring a lawn chair and warm clothing. No reservations required. *This program is wheelchair accessible.* ♿

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EXPERIENCE YOUR AMERICA

The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

Special Programs offered at the Rincon Mountain District (Saguaro East) include:

November 3, 17 & 24 9:00 a.m. “Desert Morning Hike” 4 Mile Hike

Join volunteer Dick Hollenback on this 3-hour, 4-mile hike to explore Saguaro National Park. Wear sturdy hiking boots and bring water and a trail snack. *[No program on Nov. 10]*

November 3, 10, 17 & 24 3:00 p.m. “People and Places of Saguaro’s Past” Illustrated Talk

Join Park Ranger Arlo Ogden in the visitor center auditorium for this photo tour of the park’s historic past, focusing on the stories told by its historic structures. *Program is wheelchair accessible.* ♿

November 4 7:00 p.m. “Star Party”

Join park naturalists for an introduction to astronomy and a look at the desert night sky. Telescopes and binoculars will be available. Reservations are required, and can be made by calling 733-5153. *Program is wheelchair accessible.* ♿

November 5, 12, 19 & 26 8:00 a.m. “Desert Bird Walk” Easy Hike

Join volunteer naturalists Vicki Powers and Ralph Terry for an easy 2-hour walk in search of desert birds. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water.

November 5 & 19 7:00 p.m. “Night Walk” 1 Mile Hike

Join a park naturalist for this easy 2-hour hike to explore and experience the Sonoran Desert at night. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes, and bring water and a flashlight. As space is limited, Reservations are required, and can be made by calling 733-5153.

November 6, 13 & 27 3:00 p.m. “Yesterday, Today ...and Saguaro?” Illustrated Talk

What will the world’s changing climate mean for the National Parks? Will our children find glaciers in Glacier, coral reefs in Hawaii, Joshua trees in Joshua Tree? And what does a warmer, drier Arizona future hold for our signature Giant Saguaro? Ranger Jeff Wallner will pose these questions that only your future decisions can answer. Meet at the visitor center for this 45-minute auditorium presentation. *This program is wheelchair accessible.* ♿

November 7 & 28 11:00 a.m. “Gathering the Desert” Nature Walk

Join Park Ranger Laura Bolyard in the Cactus Garden for an easy 45-minute stroll to learn how desert plants have been used for food, shelter, medicine and more. *Program is wheelchair accessible.* ♿

November 18 7:00 p.m. “The Big Chill” Illustrated Talk

Join naturalist and author Pinau Merlin in the visitor center auditorium to discover what desert animals do to pass the time in the Sonoran winter. *This program is wheelchair accessible.* ♿

Daily Programs

The park’s two districts offer additional daily interpretive programs not listed here. Contact either of our visitor centers for updated schedules, or visit our website online at <http://www.nps.gov/sagu/planyourvisit/things2do.htm>.

Visitor Center Locations/Phone Numbers

Both visitor centers are open daily from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, except Christmas Day.

Red Hills Visitor Center (Saguaro WEST)
2700 North Kinney Road
Tucson, AZ 85743

(520) 733-5158

Rincon Mountain Visitor Center (Saguaro EAST)
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For more information about Saguaro National Park and some of its partners, Friends of Saguaro National Park, Western National Parks Association, and the Rincon Institute, visit these websites:

www.nps.gov/sagu
www.friendsofsaguaro.org

www.wnps.org
www.rinconinstitute.org

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